

U.S. 'considering F-5gs for Jordan'

NEW YORK (R) — The United States is preparing a compromise deal on arms sales to Jordan which would exclude mobile anti-aircraft missiles and advanced jet fighters, the New York Times said on Tuesday. Its report, quoting unidentified Reagan administration officials, said that under the deal Jordan would be allowed to buy F-5g Tigerhawk fighters developed by Northrop. But it would not be able to purchase the more advanced F-16 fighters produced by General Dynamics or the improved Hawk missiles made by Raytheon. The Times said the deal was likely to become a test case for the Reagan administration's Middle East policy which, it quoted officials as saying, was to continue to support Israel while trying also to win new Arab friends (Editorial comment, page 4).

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Kuwait to mediate Iraq-Syria feud

KUWAIT (A.P.) — A special envoy of Kuwait's emir left here for Damascus Tuesday to launch a Kuwaiti effort to settle a prolonged feud between Syria and Iraq. It was announced here officially. Abdul Aziz Hussein, minister of state for cabinet affairs, said the special envoy is carrying a message from Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad. The message, carried by Sheikh Sabah's adviser, Abdul Rahman Salem Al Atiqi, was part of a mission of "good offices designed to contain the crisis and bring closer the viewpoints of the two countries," Mr. Hussein said. He added the good offices were being carried out in coordination with other Arab states.

WHO officials in Amman for talks

AMMAN (Petra) — A committee of experts from the World Health Organisation (WHO) which will investigate health conditions in the occupied Arab territories arrived in Amman via Ramtha on Tuesday. The committee members met with Health Ministry officials and heard a briefing from the Health Ministry under-secretary on health conditions in the West Bank. It also met with the president of the Jordanian Medical Association and heard a similar report. The committee members are due to meet on Thursday with officials at the Occupied Territories Affairs Ministry and will later leave for the West Bank, and then return to Amman to submit a report on their findings to the WHO general assembly, which will meet in early May.

Bank of England spells out operations against Argentina

LONDON (R) — The Bank of England Tuesday spelled out how it would operate financial sanctions against Argentina, but left the way open for Buenos Aires to continue making repayments on British loans in order to avoid a default on its entire foreign debt. Bankers said they believed the bank was trying to stop new loans being granted to Argentina because of its takeover of the Falkland Islands, but that Britain did not want to cause the country to default on debts thought to total \$34 billion. They added that the measures appeared to be less sweeping than those taken by the United States when it froze Iran's assets after the takeover of the U.S. embassy in Tehran because Britain was not claiming jurisdiction outside its own territory. (Difficulties for Haig, page 8).

Turkish ex-minister jailed for corruption

ANKARA (R) — A former Turkish cabinet minister, Hilmi Izzuguzar, was jailed for nearly 10 years and fined over five million Turkish lira, (\$30,000) Tuesday for corruption during his term in office. Turkey's supreme court sentenced him to nine years eight months in prison after finding him guilty on several charges of benefiting from ministerial transactions during his term as social welfare minister which began in January 1978. The ex-minister was forced to resign from the government of incumbent Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit in June 1979, following allegations of corruption. The court last month sentenced another minister in Mr. Ecevit's administration, Tuncay Matraci, to a maximum of 36 years' jail for corruption in office. Mr. Ecevit himself was detained on Saturday in connection with statements he is alleged to have made to the foreign press.

U.S. going ahead with Taiwan sales

WASHINGTON (R) — The Reagan Administration Tuesday announced it was going ahead with its controversial plan to sell Taiwan \$60 million worth of parts and supplies for its U.S.-built fighters.

Israeli fire kills Palestinian boy, wounds 22

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — A seven-year-old Palestinian boy shot dead by Israeli soldiers Tuesday became the first victim of new unrest sweeping Israeli-occupied Arab lands following the shooting on Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif sanctuary, a military spokesman said.

The boy died on his way to hospital after soldiers fired a hail of bullets at rioters in the Jabalyah refugee camp near Gaza, he said. Twenty two others in the crowd were injured.

Earlier Tuesday Alan Goodman, a Jewish-American Israeli soldier, was formally charged with murder and remanded in custody for 15 days following his shooting rampage on Sunday.

Two Arabs were killed and 30 injured in the incident, which has enraged the Arab World and prompted renewed violence in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Asked if he had anything to tell the court, Goodman said: "My act was political, not criminal."

Goodman was taken Monday night under an escort of border policemen to the Mosque of Omar, one of Islam's holiest shrines, to reenact the attack.

In the Jabalyah riot, eleven demonstrators were hit by bullets and 10 by rocks, and four soldiers were injured by stones, one seriously, the military spokesman said.

Troops shot six other Arabs

aged 12 to 13 during a riot at Nus-eirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, the military said.

In other action, the military command said two Palestinian commandos threw a grenade at an army patrol in the West Bank Monday night and escaped. A spokesman claimed there were no injuries.

In Damascus, the pro-Moscow Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine in a communique issued Tuesday claimed it ambushed an Israeli army patrol and "killed or wounded all its members."

A spokesman for the DFLP in Beirut made a similar announcement.

The DFLP said the reported ambush was in retaliation for treatment of Palestinians living under Israeli occupation and an answer to the Easter Sunday incident outside the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

Goodman was reported by Israeli newspapers to have told police he wanted to "liberate" the Aqsa Mosque compound from Muslim control and avenge the death of Jews in Palestinian attacks.

"Justice, justice," shouted the 38-year-old Goodman as he was led into the courtroom by a large police escort.

Answering the magistrate's

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His Majesty King Hussein is received at Kuwait Airport by the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah. (AP wirephoto)

Hussein makes lightning visits to Kuwait, UAE

AMMAN (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein returned home Tuesday night after a lightning visit to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

The King also discussed with his hosts "Israel's repressive and terrorist policy in the occupied Arab territories and the continuing Zionist threat against Lebanon and the neighbouring Arab lands," Petra said.

"These Israeli measures kill all chances for just peace and stability in the Middle East," the agency said.

King Hussein, who visited Saudi Arabia and Qatar last week, also reviewed with Sheikh Jaber and Sheikh Zayed "developments in the Iraqi-Iranian war and the dimensions of the Iranian threats to the security, stability and future of the Arabian Gulf," Petra said.

During the talks, the King and each of the two leaders stressed "the most pressing need for the Arab Nation's adherence to Arab solidarity and concentration on

the positive aspects of inter-Arab relations," Petra said.

The three leaders rejected "the internationalisation of the (Arab-Israeli) conflict" and urged the Arabs to "remove all obstacles, on all levels, to joint Arab action."

They called for "a unified Arab-Islamic stand against all dangers and challenges, so that the Arab-Islamic nation becomes able to protect its holy places and safeguard its legitimate rights in Jerusalem and the occupied Arab lands," Petra said.

King Hussein was accompanied by a high-level delegation that included His Highness Prince Abdullah, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi and Court Minister Amer Khammash.

He was received upon arrival at Amman Airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who served as regent during the King's absence, and leading government officials.

Stoessel to try to ease Egyptian-Israeli tension

LONDON (R) — U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel arrived in London Tuesday on his way to the Middle East for talks aimed at easing tension between Egypt and Israel.

Mr. Stoessel will confer with his colleague, Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotis, who was due to arrive in London Tuesday night after meeting Israeli and Egyptian officials on a separate mission, the U.S. embassy said.

A spokesman would not say whether Mr. Stoessel would also see Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who is in London seeking a settlement to the Falkland Islands crisis. The spokesman did not know when Mr. Stoessel would leave London.

In the Middle East he is due to have talks with Egyptian and Israeli leaders on Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai, scheduled for April 25.

Although the State Department in Washington has said the main focus of the talks will be the Sinai withdrawal, the White House, announcing the trip Monday, linked it to tension on Israel's border with Lebanon.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin was urged by political supporters Tuesday to consider delaying the handover of Sinai to Egypt until the two countries' differences have been settled.

The call came from the youth wing of Mr. Begin's Herut Party in a petition presented to the prime minister. Members of the Herut Young Guard told Israel Radio that Mr. Begin had said there was room for considering the continued withdrawal from Sinai.

In the past two days new tensions have emerged in Egyptian-Israeli relations, the Zionist state charging that Cairo has violated their peace treaty.

In a newspaper interview published Tuesday, Mr. Begin said Israel intended to fulfil its commitments but there were problems that had to be discussed with Egypt and the United States.

"This is the binding obligation of the peoples of our two countries," he added.

The Romanian leader went on to call for a broadening of economic cooperation.

Chairman Hu said the prospects for such cooperation were extremely encouraging in the long term, although he cautioned that there might be periods when the rate of increase might lag.

Non-aligned team starts Baghdad talks

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — A non-aligned peace mission was in Baghdad Tuesday on its latest attempt at ending the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

The four-member delegation arrived Monday night from Tehran, where two days of talks apparently again failed to persuade Iran to go to the negotiating table.

The mission consists of Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca, Zambian Foreign Minister Lameck Goma, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) political department Farouk Kaddoumi, and Indian External Affairs Under-Secretary Ramesh Bhandari.

It was set up last year and has since made several visits to Iran and Iraq.

In Tehran at the weekend, Iranian President Ali Khamenei told the mission there would be no peace unless Iraq withdrew its troops from Iran, paid reparations and took back 100,000 people it had deported to Iran.

Iraq has said that its main aim in the 19-month-old Gulf war is preventing an Iranian invasion of Iraqi territory.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein made the point in a long address to parliament during which he listed Iraqi objections to Iran's conditions for ending the war.

The president spoke to parliament on Sunday but a full text of his address was released only Monday by the official Iraqi News Agency.

"The strategic objective is clearly to prevent the Iranian aggression from achieving its strategic objectives, which are to enter our land, destroy our towns, and turn Iraq into a satellite of Iran," President Hussein said.

He said Iraq would respond immediately if the Iranians would declare: "The war is over and we respect your rights to your land and water."

Mr. Hussein said Iraq opposed two of Iran's three conditions for an end to the war, but he did not appear to reject the conditions outright.

The first condition was that Iraqi forces should withdraw unconditionally from the Iranian territory they have been holding since September 1980.

Qotbzadeh is interrogated, faces death, if convicted

LONDON (Agencies) — Former Iranian Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh will face a firing squad if convicted of plotting to kill revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, judicial authorities in Tehran said Tuesday.

They told Reuters by telephone that a revolutionary tribunal had started to interrogate Mr. Qotbzadeh about his alleged links with a monarchist group accused of plotting to kill Ayatollah Khomeini.

Mr. Qotbzadeh, 46, was arrested last week after being under house arrest since last June's dismissal of former president Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr and a subsequent crackdown on leftist and liberal opponents of the Islamic regime.

A spokesman for the revolutionary prosecutor's office, contacted by Reuters, refused to say where Mr. Qotbzadeh was being held. But he said other people arrested with him were also being questioned.

"After interrogation and preliminary investigation, he may be put on trial and if found guilty of the plot to kill the imam (Ayatollah Khomeini) he will face a firing squad," he said.

The authorities have not disclosed full details of the alleged monarchist plot, which they said was designed to destroy revolutionary institutions.

Opponents arrested

Tehran Radio said Tuesday that Iranian revolutionary forces have arrested nine leftist guerrillas for participating in anti-government activities.

Iran's official radio said those arrested included guerrillas from the Marxist-Leninist Fedayeen Khalq organisation and the dissident Kurdish Komoleh Party. The broadcast did not say when or where the arrests were made, but it said those arrested were accused of engaging in clashes with government forces.

The radio also said the body of a Kurdish theologian was found in Sanandaj, capital of the western province of Kurdistan. The theologian, Seyyed Salman Hossein, was kidnapped Saturday by Komoleh forces, the broadcast said. It said his body, showing signs of torture, was found by local people.

Kurdish rebels have been fighting the Tehran government in a quest for autonomy.

No Cadillacs

In another development, the official Iranian news agency said Tuesday that the Iran Pars vehicles manufacturing plant (formerly General Motors) will halt production of the "luxurious" Cadillac and will manufacture instead the "more needed" Jeep and Land Rover-Type vehicles.

Ceausescu, China leaders discuss bilateral issues

PEKING (R) — Romanian President and party chief Nicolae Ceausescu arrived in Peking Tuesday and began talks with Chinese leaders which are expected to touch on the thorny question of Sino-Soviet relations.

First discussions with Party Chairman Hu Yaobang were devoted to bilateral issues, with President Ceausescu briefing his host on Romania's internal situation, the New China News Agency reported.

But diplomats expected that before President Ceausescu leaves for North Korea later this week, the two sides will talk about Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's offer last month to heal the rift between the two communist giants which stretches back more than two decades.

In a speech at a welcoming banquet Tuesday night in Peking's Great Hall of the People, Chairman Hu expressed appreciation for Romania's even-handed approach to the Sino-Soviet quarrel.

"What we Chinese communists will never forget is that when we started to think for ourselves and to walk on our own feet and ran into interference from others, it was you, the Romanian communists represented by Comrade Ceausescu, who dared to uphold justice..." he said.

Under President Ceausescu, Romania has been the only Warsaw Pact country to have stood

aloof from the ideological and political feud between Moscow and Peking.

Chairman Hu expressed admiration of the independent stance of the Romanians, describing them as a heroic people.

"You have resolutely upheld your state sovereignty and national self-respect."

"In international affairs you have opposed power, defended world peace and the cause of the progress of mankind," the Chinese party leader added.

But both Chairman Hu and Mr. Ceausescu avoided citing the Soviet Union by name in their speeches.

The Romanian leader spoke of the "difficult conditions" under which Sino-Romanian cooperation had developed and the effort which both sides had put in.

China and Romania should go all out to ensure that their relationship was not only maintained but improved, Mr. Ceausescu said.

"This is the binding obligation of the peoples of our two countries," he added.

The Romanian leader went on to call for a broadening of economic cooperation.

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Syrian jets violate Iraqi airspace

BEIRUT (R) — Iraq on Tuesday accused Syria of violating its airspace four times over the past 48 hours and said the aim was to divert its attention from the war against Iran. A military spokesman, quoted by the Iraqi News Agency, said Syrian warplanes flew over Albu Kamal in western Iraq. Al Hadr in the north west and over southern Sinjr. Last week Syria closed its border with Iraq, claiming that Baghdad was sending saboteurs and weapons into Syrian territory. Syria also halted the flow of Iraqi oil through pipeline across Syrian territory to Mediterranean terminals. Relations between the two countries reached their lowest point recently with Syrian charges that Iraq had sent car bombs into Syrian territory.

Islamic World goes on strike

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (Agencies) — In a dramatic and unprecedented show of solidarity, Islamic countries will stage a general strike Wednesday in protest over the mad shooting on the sacred Al Haram Al Sharif compound in occupied Jerusalem.

An Israeli soldier indiscriminately sprayed his rifle fire on worshippers near Al Aqsa Mosque and inside the Dome of the Rock (the Mosque of Omar) in Jerusalem, killing two Arabs and wounding 30 people.

King Khaled, denouncing Israel's "sinful aggression," called on Muslims to stop work in support of Palestinians in the occupied Arab territories.

Work will stop in all government departments and establishments, including universities, institutes and government and private schools; all private sector establishments; and at airports, Jordanian airspace will also be closed to international traffic and telecommunications between Jordan and the outside world will stop for the whole day.

AMMAN (Petra) — Work in all ministries, government departments and private institutions will stop one whole day on Wednesday, the cabinet announced Tuesday.

The decision "was made at an emergency session held under Acting Prime Minister Adnan Abu Odeh on Tuesday."

A cabinet statement said the stoppage was in response to His Majesty King Hussein's instructions to express the "indignation of the Islamic and Arab worlds at the ugly Zionist crime committed in Al Aqsa Mosque."

The statement condemned "continued Israeli occupation of Arab lands in general and Jerusalem in particular."

It called for "solidarity of the Islamic and Arab worlds to protect the Islamic holy places in Jer-

Gulf governments ordered everything from airports and schools to shops to close Wednesday in protest against what Muslim leaders denounced as a sacrilege by Israel at Islam's third holiest shrine.

Lebanon, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Iran also said government offices would close Wednesday.

But Syria's government newspaper Tishrin criticised Arab countries "equipped with armies, oil and assets" which, it said, issued ringing calls instead of fighting Israel.

Air and sea ports in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.)

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Security Council starts Jerusalem attack debate

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. Security Council was called into session Tuesday to start debating Sunday's Israeli attack at the Dome of the Rock Mosque in Jerusalem.

The meeting was requested by Morocco, whose King Hassan is chairman of the Jerusalem Committee of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), and other members of the group.

Israeli police said two Arabs were killed and about 30 other people were wounded when an Israeli soldier opened fire with an M16 rifle at crowds outside the mosque in the Haram Al Sharif sanctuary.

The incident was followed by demonstrations and strikes in Israeli-occupied Arab land, resulting in further casualties.

Security Council members met briefly earlier Tuesday to consider the request for a meeting and decided to begin debating the issue Tuesday afternoon.

In a letter to Council President Kaminda Wa Kamunda of Zaire, Moroccan Ambassador Mehdi Mrani Zentar formally asked for a meeting "to consider the grave events now taking place in occupied Palestinian territory, and most particularly in the holy city of Jerusalem."

"Once again, the Islamic holy places of the holy city have been the scene of bloody and profanatory actions perpetrated with the clearly-determined intention of destroying prestigious monuments venerated by the Islamic community of the entire world since the dawn of Islam," he added.

A second letter to the council president was signed by Mr. Zuhair Mohammad, Iraq's charge d'affaires and current OIC chairman, and by the representatives of 33 other Islamic states.

It called on the council to consider the "very grave situation which has arisen consequent upon the wanton, indiscriminate and deliberate armed attack against the holy sanctuary of the sacred Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem."

The letter said Sunday's attack was "but a part of a continuing pattern and has resulted in grievous loss of life and injury to many worshippers and civilian inhabitants in the area."

"Furthermore, it constitutes an intentional reckless desecration of those holy places in defiance of all norms of international law and the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and exacerbates further a situation that possess a grave threat to world peace and security."

Egypt, which on April 25 is due to receive the last part of Sinai occupied by Israel, was not among the countries whose representatives signed the letter.

But Iran, which is at war with Iraq, signed the letter, written on the letterhead of the Iraqi U.N. mission.

Cairo press warns Israel against strike in Lebanon

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's semi-official press cautioned Israel Tuesday against making a military strike into South Lebanon.

Al Aham, the leading Cairo daily, said it was probably no coincidence that a reported Israeli military buildup on the border with South Lebanon came at a time when world attention was focussed on the Falkland Islands dispute.

Calling for restraint by both the Palestinians and Israelis, it said Israel's leaders might be tempted to try to draw the claws of the Palestinians in Lebanon "so that when the time comes to face the Palestinian problem on the political level it is free of any military threats."

In a similar editorial, the mass-

circulation Al Goumhoria said: "No one would benefit from an Israeli military strike on South Lebanon which would deal a severe blow to the peace process in the region."

The press comment followed a meeting Monday between President Hosni Mubarak and his top foreign policy advisers to discuss South Lebanon and the Sinai pull-out. Those attending included Prime Minister Fuad Moheddin, Defence Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali.

Mr. Ali said afterwards that Egypt intended to urge self-restraint in diplomatic contacts with all concerned in the shaky ceasefire in South Lebanon. He did not elaborate.

NATIONAL

Looking for ways to have more and better nurseries in Jordan

By Nujoud Goussous
Special to the Jordan Times

THE MINISTRY of Social Development has started a survey on private nurseries in Jordan. Mrs. Suhad Nashashibi, and Miss Basma Burgan told the Jordan Times recently.

"The reason we are doing this survey is because the ministry wants to know whether private nurseries in Jordan are good enough; and to compare each nursery to the services it renders in return for the fees it charges," they said.

"We also want to know the levels of nurseries in Jordan. A whole classification of the private nurseries in Jordan, as a result of our research, will be printed in the newspapers between June and

July. This classification is being printed so that it will be made public; and in a way, we think it will help a lot in improving the lower grade nurseries," said Mrs. Nashashibi and Miss Burgan, who are in charge of the ministry's survey. The survey is expected to be finished towards the end of April.

Among the important findings they made is that there are some nurseries which charge low fees and give low services; others charge high fees and give good services; some charge high fees but give poor services; and other nurseries render average services for average fees.

The number of nurseries in Jordan last February was 97. Since then, however, several closed up for financial reasons.

Nurseries in Jordan are divided into three categories: private nurseries run by individuals; public

nurseries run by the Ministry of Social Development, where children of the ministry employees or those of its departments only are catered for; and institutional nurseries which different institutions run for the children of their employees.

The ministry runs five public nurseries: two in Amman, one in Salt, another in Zarqa and the fifth in Irbid. "The Child-Care department at the ministry is always in constant touch with all kinds of nurseries in Jordan. The survey that is being conducted aims at starting competition between the private nurseries," the two officials said. "When visiting those nurseries, surveyors make recommendations where they feel standards can be improved," they added. "Employees in most nurseries don't accept this criticism,

or advice, which is why our researchers have to be very careful with their choice of words," commented Mrs. Nashashibi and Miss Burgan.

Miss Burgan said "The women working in nurseries, in general, are of all ages; some have long experience, but very few have the Tawjihi, and even fewer have higher degrees. Now however it is a requirement that every woman seeking work at a nursery must at least have a Tawjihi degree. We hope in the long run, to be able to ask for higher degrees."

Ministry researchers who visit nurseries have questionnaires for the people in charge there to fill. The questionnaires ask about the number of children at the nursery, their ages (usually between 40 days and 7 months) whether the rooms are big enough and airy, about the employees — their pronunciation and looks — about toys, playgrounds, furniture, hygiene and other services given. Information obtained enables researchers to clarify nurseries.

Talking about nurseries in general, Mrs. Nashashibi said: "Nurseries are different from kindergartens — something many people don't realise. In fact, it is not only working mothers who should put their children in nurseries. A nursery is an essential place for every child between 40 days and 7 months of age. A child learns there to be independent and sociable before kindergarten and school. We noticed that an inordinately large proportion of children at nurseries have working mothers, and the reason is not because we have many working women in Jordan, but simply because non-working women think nurseries are a waste of money."

The fees in private nurseries range between JD 10 to JD 36 per month, excluding transport fees. Fees differ according to different regions, especially in Amman.

Commenting on the International Day of the Child which is to be marked on April 21, Miss Burgan said: "Our work in the north of Jordan finished some time ago. We checked all the nurseries there and we gave out toys and books. We are planning to devote April 21 this year to the children of the south by visiting the south and distributing books and toys to children and children clubs there."

On the need for licensing more nurseries in Jordan, Mrs. Nashashibi said: "More nurseries are needed in Jordan. The number we have now is not enough." One aim of our department is to encourage people to open more nurseries here.



Intricate pen and ink drawings caused University of Jordan students to spend time in solitary contemplation

ART REVIEW

Plastic artists take works to university

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The exhibition of paintings, ceramics and sculptures which was held last February at the Youth City's Palace of Culture by the group of artists known as the Jordanian Youth Plastic Artists, is being displayed again this week at the University of Jordan's library. The reason behind the re-staging of the show was to bring the works of art to the university students who found exhibitions in town inaccessible.

"When we asked the students if they had seen such and such an exhibition, they would say no;

their excuse being that they did not have the time," said one of the organisers of the show. "So we have brought the exhibition to the university where students can drop by to see it in between their lectures."

The opening of the exhibition by the university's president no doubt attracted many students who filled the small second-floor gallery. For the most part, they took a deep interest in the works on display and discussions about merits of certain paintings.

The works that attracted most attention and caused the students to stop and spend some time in solitary contemplation were some new intricate pen and ink drawings by 21-year-old Adnan

Yahya. This young artist crushes his intense feelings about the Palestinian problem into a few square inches of paper, resulting in images of powerful fascination.

Reminiscent of the work of Max Beckman who painted horrors he saw in active service during World War I, Yahya draws fiendish figures, performing acts of atrocious cruelty and violence. Much of the harshness depends on the ordinariness of the surroundings which are everyday settings filled with wicker chairs, off which they hang themselves, and tiled floors. A creative and prolific artist, Yahya has matured over the last two years; and his crowded, complex scenes say a great deal more

than his early drawings of lonely, emaciated and anguished figures.

One of the leaders of the recently formed group of Jordanian Youth Plastic artists is Ibrahim Abu Rubb. Energetically active in both his own art and in teaching and promoting art to young people, Mr. Abu Rubb is not only one of the few artists in the group to have produced new work for the exhibition, but one who has also managed to include in the show the work of his students. A more complete cross-section of the art work being carried out by the students at the University of Jordan will be seen when they hold their own exhibition at the university's library on April 26.



The survey conducted by the Ministry of Social Development "aims at starting a competition by private nurseries to improve services"

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Prince Hassan proposes examination of values as international concept

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, chairman of the first annual conference of the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al-Bait Foundation) declared that the task of building a lofty cultural structure of the Islamic system in all its meanings, trends and priorities dictates on all Muslim scholars to continue persistent endeavour towards achieving this noble goal. Addressing the final session of the conference on Monday evening, Prince Hassan expressed hope that Muslim scholars would be able to respond to the aspirations of the Islamic Nation.

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At the final session of the conference, Academy President Nasreddin Al Assad submitted a proposal by Prince Hassan on "values as an international concept." He explained that what is meant by values is the supreme ideals in terms of their ability to fulfill human needs and to offer solutions to the problems facing mankind, particularly that the world is earnestly looking for new systems capable of fulfilling the increasing needs of mankind and drawing up solutions for its problems.

The conference approved proposals previously submitted by the participants and referred them to the academy council for examination.

King Hussein decorates leading conservationist

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein bestowed the Kawab Medal, Grade two, on Mr. Anton Al Bandak in appreciation of his efforts in the field of conservation of nature.

The medal was handed to Mr. Bandak by Mr. Anis Al Mu'ashir, chairman of the administrative committee of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature, in a ceremony held on Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Laila Sharaf, vice president of the society. The ceremony was attended by the supply minister, members of the administrative board and several members of the society. Mr. Bandak served at the royal society for many years.

On Monday, Mrs. Barbara Blume, environmental expert at the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), accompanied by UNEP Representative in Kuwait Dr. Walid Al Sharif, visited the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature and met with Acting Society Director Maher Abu Ja'far. Mr. Abu Ja'far briefed the guests on the society activities and the projects it is implementing in this field. Mrs. Blume expressed her admiration of the society's activities and its efforts.

Mrs. Blume is in Jordan on a one-week visit to study the environmental conditions in Jordan, after which she will submit a report to the UNEP on her findings.

Conference studies English courses in Arab universities

AMMAN (Petra) — The conference on the problems of teaching English in Arab universities concluded its final session at the University of Jordan Faculty of Agriculture on Tuesday morning. The conference recommended that specific goals be drawn up, more accurately than they are now. It also recommended the concentration on English as a written and spoken language through intensive programmes to be specially prepared for this purpose, and called on the Arab universities to increase the number of accredited hours allocated to English.

The conference also called on the professors of English at Arab universities to intensify their efforts to write books for teaching in the English language sections so as to reduce dependence on books written by foreign professors.

The conference also called on the Arab universities to introduce translation from English into Arabic in their curricula and to encourage translations and utilise the research written in Arabic on English literature at Arab universities.

Seminar held on management skills at private enterprises

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar on management in public enterprises will begin on Saturday at the premises of the Arab Organisation for Administrative Science (AOAS) in cooperation with the international centre for the public sector establishments in Yugoslavia.

AOAS Director General Abdullah Al Zu'bi said the aim of the seminar is to acquaint the participants with the basic theoretical concepts of management methods, to develop their skills in formulating accurate and clear

goals for the public enterprises they work at, and to highlight the significance of the use of the goal-oriented management method and its impact in increasing the effectiveness of management in public enterprises.

Dr. Zu'bi added that the aim of the seminar is also to review certain Arab and international experiences in the field of using goal-oriented management method in public enterprises. He said 25 leading managers of public enterprises in Arab countries will participate in the week-long seminar.



Mrs. Mudar Badran at the exhibition

Jordanian art exhibition opens at Haya centre

AMMAN (Petra) — The art exhibition of Jordanian artist Mazin Ammari was opened on Tuesday at the Haya Arts Centre. The exhibition, which was opened by Mrs.

Mudar Badran, includes a number of oil paintings and sculptures on wood and copper. The paintings are inspired by the Jordanian culture. The opening of the exhibition, which will continue for one week, was attended by the director of the culture and arts department, and the director of the Haya Arts Centre.

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Jordan signs Arab economic unity agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian government has deposited the document of accession to the agreement governing the by-laws of the specialised qualitative Arab federations. The depositing ceremony took place at the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) on Tuesday. The agreement was approved by the CAEU in its 38th ordinary session held in Amman on Dec. 2, 1981.

The minutes of depositing the agreement were signed by CAEU Secretary General Fakhr al-Qadouri and Jordanian Industry and Trade Ministry Under-Secretary Mohammad Salih Al Horani. Dr. Qaddouri and Mr. Horani expressed their pleasure at Jordan's accession to the agreement which comes in implementation of the objectives and goals of the Arab economic unity agreement. The signing ceremony was attended by senior officials of the Industry and Trade Ministry and the CAEU and Jordan's permanent delegate to the CAEU.

Jordan is the first CAEU member state to accede to the agreement.

Company law amendment approved

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Industry and Trade has completed the preparation of the draft law amending the companies' law currently in force. Industry and Trade Minister Walid Asfour said the aim of the new draft law is to amend certain provisions currently in force, because in practice, it has become evident that they need to be explained and amended. He added that the aim of the new draft law is also to develop these provisions to keep pace with the economic progress and the needs of the economic development plans.

Mr. Asfour said the new draft law has created new provisions, including raising the capital of the industrial non-shareholding companies to JD 1 million instead of JD 500,000 each, and raising the minimum of the founders of public shareholding companies to 10 instead of seven persons.

The new draft law stipulates that the members of the boards of directors of public shareholding companies should reside in Jordan in order to form a quorum

Industrial bank lends over JD 3m since Jan.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Industrial Development Bank has since the beginning of this year given 37 loans totalling JD 3,147,000, a bank spokesman said. The spokesman said that bank gave last year 79 loans totalling JD 2,247,000, including JD 7,518,000 to 72 industrial projects and the rest to seven touristic projects.

He added that the number and value of the loans given increased in 1981 compared to 1980. He said the bank gave 56 loans in

1980 while it gave 79 loans in 1981, an increase by 40 per cent. The amount of loans given increased by 26.6 per cent.

The spokesman said the cost of establishing the projects to which loans were given this year is estimated at some JD 34,300,000 and are expected to achieve an additional national income in the year of production of JD 7,900,000 and savings of foreign currency totalling JD 2,900,000 together with 1,632 new job opportunities.

U.J. to start school of dentistry

AMMAN (Petra) — The board of trustees of the University of Jordan has decided to establish a dentistry school at the university as of the next academic year.

457 killed in 1981 accidents

AMMAN (Petra) — Car accidents which took place throughout the country in 1981 totalled 13,567 causing the death of 457 citizens and injuries to 8,429 others.

These accidents were distributed as follows: In Amman area 5,449 accidents causing the death of 45 people and injuries to 2,445 others; in Amman suburbs 1,718 accidents causing the death of 68 people and injuries to 1,066 others; in Zarqa 1,626 accidents causing the death of 48 people and injuries to 1,058 others; in Al Balqa' 846 accidents causing the death of 33 people and injuries to 568 others; in Irbid 2,395 accidents causing the death of 111 people and injuries to 1,826 others; in Karak 522 accidents causing the death of 43 people and injuries to 509 others; in Ka'an 167 accidents causing the death of 23 people and injuries to 159 others; in Aqaba 387 accidents causing the death of 23 people and injuries to 268 others; and on the desert highways 457 accidents causing the death of 63 people and injuries to 530 others.

Pakistani minister charges Israel aims to demolish Aqsa

AMMAN (Petra) — Pakistani Religious Affairs Minister Mohammad Abbas said the criminal act carried out by Israel against the worshippers in Al Aqsa Mosque by a Zionist soldier. Mr. Abbas said the Pakistani government condemns this action and regards it as one of the series of crimes and terrorist activities which the Zionist entity has been implementing since they arrived in Palestine.

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Abbas said Israel "would not have carried out this or its previous action of trying to burn the Al Aqsa

Mosque had it not been for the differences existing among the Arab countries and those existing among the Muslim countries." "Israel knows well that the Arab and Islamic reply to any action against the holy places would be denunciation and condemnation only. Therefore, Israel would not hesitate to carry out such premeditated actions the final aim of which is to demolish Al Aqsa and to build the alleged Temple of Solomon," he said.

Asked about Jordanian-Pakistani relations and his impressions about the first annual conference of the Royal Academy

for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al-Bait Foundation) in which he participated, Mr. Abbas said "Jordan and Pakistan are linked by strong relations dictated by Islamic fraternity and the joint interests of the two countries."

"The conference organised by the Al al-Bait Foundation to discuss several questions of interest to Muslims throughout the world is a clear indication of the extent of the Jordanian leadership's care for Islam, which is currently witnessing a state of awakening and resurgence in all Muslim countries," Mr. Abbas said.

Foreign Ministry officials promoted

AMMAN (J.T.) — A royal decree has been issued promoting the following plenipotentiary ministers at the Foreign Ministry to the rank of ambassadors: Zuhair Sakijha, Fali Al Tawil, Hussein Hamami, Sami Al Shamayleh, Sameh Al Faraj, Yassin Istanbuli and Walid Majid Al Sa'd.

Jordan, UAE sign agreement

DUBAI (Petra) — The executive programme of the cultural agreement between Jordan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the next two scholarly years was signed here on Tuesday in implementation of the cultural agreement concluded between the two countries in June 1977.

Education Minister Sa'id Tal signed the programme for Jordan and UAE Education and Youth

Minister Sa'id Salman signed for the UAE.

According to the agreement, Jordan will supply the UAE with teachers in all fields of specialisation whether by loans or contracts in addition to the exchange of expertise between the two countries, the holding of training courses and the exchange of lecturers as the programme stipulates.

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Muslim strike

and their airspace would be closed for 12 hours from 0300 GMT, officials said.

Airline officials in Bahrain said about 250 international flights would be affected. Airlines were re-routing to Greece, Turkey and Pakistan flights which made stops in the Gulf.

Saudi newspapers were told not to publish entertainment or sports news on Wednesday and Gulf banks and schools will close.

King Khaled, chairman of the 43-member Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), has called on the Islamic World to back Palestinians in Israeli-

occupied territories "until victory."

The king Tuesday met the Riyadh representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), Rafiq Natshi. He told King Khaled that the world was waiting for more action in support of the Palestinians, the Saudi Press Agency said.

In a message to heads of state of Islamic countries, the monarch appealed for decisive international measures to end what he called Israel's terrorist practices.

Islamic states backed a Moroccan call Monday for a United Nations Security Council meeting on the Jerusalem shooting.

Jerash restoration receives support

AMMAN (Petra) — Britain, France, the United States, West Germany, Poland, Spain, Italy and Tunisia have expressed their preparedness to send scientific teams to participate in the studies planned by the Department of Antiquities for this year, for the restoration of the city of Jerash. The department intends to restore the city within the current five-year development plan.

Travel offices reach total of 150

AMMAN (Petra) — Sixteen main tourist and travel offices and five branches were licensed in 1981 bringing the country's total to 150 offices employing 674 people. They are distributed as follows: 114 in Amman, 11 in Irbid, seven in Aqaba, six in Zarqa, four in the H-J, two in Suweileh, and one office in each of Ramtha, Ruseifeh, Mafrqa, Azraq, Baqa' and Wadi Al Seer.

Metrology bureau reviews progress

AMMAN (Petra) — The executive bureau of the Arab Organisation for Specifications and Metrology began its meetings at the organisation's premises in Amman on Monday. The meetings were by Mr. Mustafa Kanoun, head of the Higher Committee for Specifications and Metrology in Tunisia in his capacity as head of the executive bureau. During its four-day meetings, the bureau will discuss the progress of the general committee since previous session and that of the 20 technical committees formed over the last two years as well as the formation of new technical committees for paper, chemistry and textiles. The executive bureau held its 14th session on April 9, 1981.

Refinery contributes to alarm system

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Petroleum Refinery Company contributed JD 5,000 towards the implementation of an early warning system by the Civil Defence Directorate. The directorate has already begun drawing up the specifications of the apparatus which will be used in the early warning system and will invite tenders in cooperation with Radio Jordan, Jordan Television, the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), and the Royal Signals Corps. The directorate will study the tenders submitted and make its choice in line with the country's needs. Study of the tenders will be completed within the next two months in preparation for the commencement of the project. Contributions made for the project so far have totalled JD 230,000.

Arabiya leaves for Damascus

AMMAN (Petra) — President of the Agricultural Engineers Association Suleiman Arabiyat left Amman for Damascus on Tuesday to participate in the meetings of the executive bureau of the Arab farmers federation, which was to begin in Damascus on Tuesday. During its three-day meetings, the executive bureau will discuss a working paper on the agricultural sector, farmers and agricultural engineers in the occupied Arab territories. It will also discuss ways of supporting the residents of the occupied territories to enable them to confront the Zionist designs aimed at evicting them from their lands and destroying the agricultural sector there.

Public conveniences to be built

AMMAN (J.T.) — The prime minister has issued a defence order to build public conveniences for men and women in Al Hamidiyyeh and Gharnatah markets.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

* Saudi Paintings at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City. Paintings by young Jordanian artists at the University of Jordan Library.

* Photographs by Bill Lyons at the Alia Art Gallery, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 - 7 p.m.

* Multimedia art exhibit by Mazen Nasser Ammari at the Haya Arts Centre.

Play

* The Taming of the Shrew, by the Cambridge Theatre Company, at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Sports City at 7 p.m.

Video

* Magazine Sportif at 5 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

Lecture

* Recent Excavations at the Neolithic Site of Ain Ghazal, at the American Centre at 6:30 p.m.

Today's weather

The weather will be rather warm with medium and high clouds. Scattered showers are expected in the eastern parts of the country, while winds will be fresh southeasterly becoming gradually northeasterly moderate. In Aqaba there will be northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	11	27
Aqaba	11	27
Deserts	14	31
Jordan Valley	15	31

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 26, Aqaba 30. Humidity readings: Amman 42 per cent, Aqaba 35 per cent.

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The Taming of the Shrew opens

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein deputed Her Highness Princess Alia on Tuesday to open the showing of Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew at the Youth City's Palace of Culture. The opening of the play, which is sponsored by the British Council in cooperation with the Culture and Arts Department, was attended by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, ministers and their wives, the British ambassador in Amman.

Phosphate Co. chairman goes to India

AMMAN (Petra) — Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company Abdul Wahhab Al Majali left Amman for India on Tuesday at the head of a delegation from the company. Mr. Majali will attend the annual meeting between Jordan and India to agree on the amount of phosphates exported to India. During the visit, the two sides will complete the arrangements related to the 1982 phosphates exporting agreement to India totalling 800,000 tonnes.

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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

By Dr. Awn Rifai

Development of Ray Weapons

The interest in the development of ray weapons capable of augmenting the military power in outer space has been increasing. These weapons mainly comprise of laser rays and particle beams. Such as electron or proton beams, and they can be utilized to destroy enemy missiles or rockets.

Most of the research effort and the financial resources has been concentrated on the development of laser weapons. Recently, however, more emphasis has been attached to the directed particle beams, due to the simplicity of defence systems to encounter the laser rays, such as the reflective paint. Although competition amongst the super-powers has been severe as regards research in this field, many scientists and strategy experts feel skeptical about the possibilities of perfecting defensive ray systems against directed missiles over the next few years. Even in the event of devising such systems, they are not expected to serve security purposes, but rather to increase military expenditure and instability.

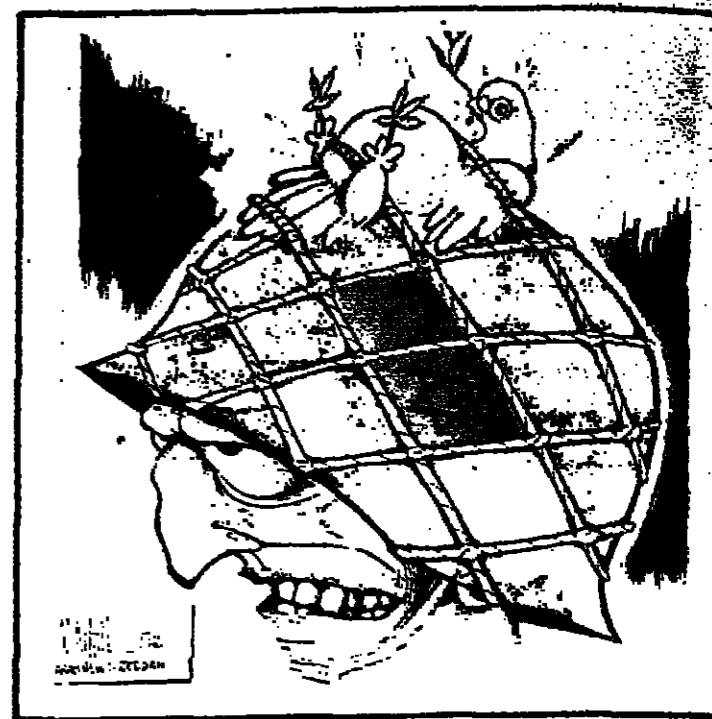
In addition to the military aspects, there are civilian benefits to be derived from these innovations, which can be used in nuclear reactors and in medical equipment. As for the military usage,

efforts are made towards the creation of a suitable high-power particle accelerator. Ongoing work also includes the investigation of the feasibility of projecting the beams efficiently through the atmosphere. The importance of this latter topic emanates from the possibility of utilizing the rays overground or aboard aircrafts for encountering missiles and rockets.

Should the effectiveness of the proposed systems be ascertained, the latter will probably be put to use in space by the end of the century. There are still some problems to be solved regarding the precision to track the target, how to generate adequate energy to launch the ray weapon, and how to convert this energy into particle beams directed towards the target.

As to the real value of these weapons, there is a lot of controversy. The specialists in favour of their development stress their defensive nature and emphasize that they will not be employed against humans. The opponents express their doubts concerning the repercussions of such systems at the technical and military levels.

In any case, the scientific research is still going on to perfect the systems, irrespective of any political or military considerations.



Real friends don't slap

THE NEW YORK TIMES has reported that the Reagan administration is preparing a "compromise" deal to sell Jordan the F-5g Tigerhawk fighter jet while denying Jordan the sale of improved Hawk missiles or the F-16 fighter jet. It added that the deal is looming as a test case for the Reagan administration's Middle East policy, which, it quoted Reagan administration officials as saying, was "to continue to support Israel while trying also to win new Arab friends."

If the Times report is accurate, our initial feeling is that a Reagan Middle East policy based on a proposed compromise such as this is not only unlikely to win new Arab friends, but is virtually certain to further strain the ties of friendship that have existed for many years with some very old and sincere Arab friends. The fundamental tenet of what the Reagan administration is doing in the Middle East is that Israel must maintain a qualitative technological advantage over the combined forces of all the Arab states. That tenet is unacceptable to the Arabs, and is at the heart of the slowly disintegrating web of traditionally friendly ties between the United States and many Arab countries. We are amazed yet again by the naive, simplistic, insulting and arrogant attitude among American decision-makers that Arab states will accept so-called compromise deals that sacrifice Arab dignity and self-respect at the altar of American subservience to Israeli fears and political blackmail. It sounds like what we may be getting from Washington is a big fat slap in the face. This hardly seems the way to win — or keep — friends.

Mauritania: Clogged by war and the sands of the Sahara

By James Dalgleish
Reuter

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania — The sands of the Sahara and a war being fought for them are clogging Mauritania's political and economic machinery.

This largely barren former French West African colony of about 1.5 million people is trying, ineffectually, to stem the relentless tide of sand advancing several kilometres every year from the north and east.

The other problem facing Mauritania's ruling Military Committee for National Salvation (CMSN) is the war between Morocco and Polisario guerrillas for the former Spanish Western Sahara.

Mauritania pulled out of the desert conflict in 1979 and now lacks a diplomatic tightrope to avoid being dragged back in. Former Ruler Mokhtar Ould Daddah plunged the country into economic chaos by fighting on Morocco's side in the war, a bloody and costly conflict which led to his downfall. In July 1978, a group of officers seized power from President Daddah, who had ruled since independence from France in 1960.

Economic morass

Information Minister Moustafa Diop told Reuters: "There were

not even 50 million ouguiyas (\$1 million) left in the coffers when the military took over. Mauritania's greatest worry is to get out of the economic morass caused by some 20 years of mismanagement," he said.

President Daddah swelled the armed forces to around 17,000 men to fight with Morocco against the Algerian and Libyan-backed Polisario front for control of the Western Sahara, which Spain ceded to Morocco and Mauritania in 1975.

Informed sources in this sand-blown capital said Mauritania received delegations from the Polisario but did not officially recognise the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) they have declared. To do so would be to give weight to repeated Moroccan allegations that Mauritania backs the guerrillas, the sources said.

President Mohamed Khouna Ould Haidallah recently called on Morocco and the Polisario to lay down their arms and settle their differences "through dialogue and with foreign interference."

Recognition of the SADR could well drag Mauritania back into the war again, this time on the Polisario side, the last thing the people or the government want, the sources added. Asked about the constant Moroccan allegations that Mauritania physically backs the guerrillas and lets them use its

territory to launch attacks against Moroccan troops, Lt. Gen. Diop said: "If we found one or other of the belligerents on our territory, we would throw them out. We do not want... to be drawn back into the war. To our knowledge, neither the Polisario nor Morocco use our territory, but it is vast. Do you really think we have a surplus of food or equipment to give abroad?"

"Mauritania cannot afford the luxury of aiding another state," Mauritania maintains strict neutrality in the Sahara conflict but militates for its people's self-determination, the minister said. "We would recognise the SADR at an opportune moment," he said, without elaborating.

OAU split

The Western Sahara question has split the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) with members bitterly divided between those who recognise the SADR and those who do not.

When OAU Secretary General Edem Kodjo last February admitted the SADR to an OAU meeting in Ethiopia, 19 nations walked out in protest. Soon afterwards, in Senegal, 14 members walked out of an OAU information ministers meeting because SADR officials were not allowed to attend.

Encroaching desert

The age-old threat of the enc-

roaching desert accelerated in the 1970s with a regional drought which brought tens of thousands of former nomads into Mauritania's towns in search of food, work and water.

Before the drought Mauritania's population was two-thirds nomad and one-third town dwellers, but the drought reversed this ratio, officials said. Nouakchott residents estimate that what was designed as an administrative capital for 35,000 in 1960 now has a population of between 200,000 and 300,000 with more arriving daily.

The capital is surrounded by desert, although it is only eight kilometres from the Atlantic. Tens of thousands of people scrape a living on the city's outskirts, living in makeshift huts and traditional tents, refugees from the steady march of the Sahara.

The government is replanting trees but the effort is puny compared to the combined destructive affect of drought, overgrazing and wood-cutting. All this causes the thin top layer of soil to break up, exposing sand which the wind blows into dunes.

Desert experts estimate that up to 648,000 square kilometres have been lost to the Southern Sahara in the past 50 years in Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Chad and Sudan. Financial sources said the Mauritanian economy relied heavily on petrodollars from

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and other pro-Morocco Gulf states, as well as from Libya and Algeria.

About 85 per cent of export earnings come from iron ore and most of the rest from fishing, the sources said.

A \$500 million project is getting under way to start new iron ore mines in the north to replace those now phasing out around Zouerate, but this will only keep production, now about 10 million tonnes a year, steady until the year 2000, they said. Most export income goes to pay for imports, including much of the country's food needs, almost all consumer goods and the ingredients for the universally-drunk Moorish tea made from green tea, sugar and mint, the sources said.

Two large projects left over from the Daddah period which have never worked, an oil refinery

and a sugar refinery, are now being revived with the help of \$30 million from Algeria and hordes of expatriate workers, the sources said.

Mauritania's only real prospect for earning more money lies in the Ocean. Some of the world's richest fishing grounds lie off its Atlantic seaboard where trawlers from the Soviet Union, Korea and other nations sweep the teeming seas.

Officials and sources in Nouakchott agreed there was a lot of money to be made if Mauritania could develop its fisheries, adding there was a potential catch of about 700,000 tonnes a year.

Mauritania cannot afford to patrol the grounds and an unprofitable system of licensing foreign vessels is being replaced by joint ventures which should bring in more money, the sources said.

Liberating Jerusalem

By Ibrahim Abu Nab

While you, Muslim scientists and intellectuals from every part of the Islamic World, are meeting discussing things, the enemy has silenced all talk. The Israeli soldier who violated Al Aqsa Holy Mosque, just a mere 80 km from you, has proved that the mosque is as near to the Muslims as their own main arteries.

If we put a number of scientists in a certain place, no matter how many or where, and asked them: What is Islam? what does it say about Shura (consultation), the Jerusalem issue, economy, war, peace or about anything else for this matter? They would most probably find themselves in the same tight spot you found yourselves in.

Islamic civilisation is like a great river with many and varying tributaries while Islam has always been a great ocean of water where one is likely to get drowned if one cannot swim. There is a difference between indexing riches of the Islamic civilisation and referring to Islam to show us the quickest way to liberate Jerusalem. What benefits the former in the way of scientific research and computers can never be of any advantage to the latter. Liberating Jerusalem necessitates total honesty.

We must be honest with God, with ourselves and with the people. The battle that raged in Al Aqsa Mosque is now raging within the hearts of all Muslims and honest and free men of the world. What we expect from you, Muslim intellectuals, is to call on all Muslims in the world to put an end to their disputes at once and to march their fighters towards the "near" mosque — the mosque nearer to them than their arteries. And it is now or never.

Muslims arise!

AL RA'Y: What are the Arabs and Muslims waiting for? What are they going to do seeing their brother worshippers in the Holy Aqsa Mosque being killed? The mosque has been turned into a battlefield by the Zionist soldiers with nobody to defend it except our unarmed kinfolk in Jerusalem. What has happened is no less dangerous than the 1967 catastrophe. This incident cannot be handled by mere denunciation and condemnation.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran has called on the Arabs and Muslims to establish a strong united stand and the Foreign Ministry has declared the attack against the mosque a premeditated crime. The Arabs and Muslims have no other choice than to deal with this tragedy as one nation. They must transcend all differences and embark on a real Jihad (holy war). This is the only option enabling them to change the future otherwise awaiting them as a mere flock to be slaughtered and exploited.

This is a simple fact that does not necessitate deep thinking. Words can never evade the catastrophe. What happened in Al Aqsa Mosque is the greatest challenge that has ever been directed

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towards the very heart of the nation. It is a wedge Israel is trying to drive between Arab and Islamic regimes and their people in order to undermine the nation from within and hurl it into a state of chaos and despair.

The Arab and Islamic leaders are called upon to be alert as to the magnitude of the calamity which Israel is trying to create. These leaders must measure up to the challenge and shoulder their responsibility to confront the dangers threatening the nation.

Arab and Muslim leaders should transcend disputes and petty differences in order to be able to fend off this tragedy. They must not wait for help from others who support the criminals with weapons and funds, encourage aggression and then call for self-restraint.

Declare Jihad!

AL DUSTOUR: Arab and Islamic capitals are in statement after statement condemning and denouncing Israel's premeditated crime against the Aqsa Holy Mosque while at the same time the

Israeli occupation forces continue to kill Arab and Muslim demonstrators who fall victims to the racist rancour of the Zionists.

Although we appreciate the stands of the Arab and the Islamic states, the fact remains that the condemnation of the enemy and the verbal support for the steadfastness of our people who are resisting all enemy plots and conspiracies do not exceed being merely an expression of feeling which has no power to face the challenge being imposed on the Arabs and Muslims.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran has said that the West Bank and Gaza grave incidents necessitate a strong and united Arab-Islamic stand against the racist Zionist onslaught. The Arabs and Muslims should follow the example of our struggling people in the occupied lands and rise up to defend and liberate Jerusalem and the rest of the occupied lands. If Arab solidarity is unobtainable, then some Arabs and Muslims could taken action to confront the Zionist onslaught. It is high time Arabs and Muslims declared Jihad (holy war) because if they do not do it now they will never be able to do it in the future. The grave situation being imposed on Jerusalem and the holy places and the oppression being imposed on our people should be more than enough to move the conscience of every Arab and Muslim, citizens as well as leaders.

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21:40 Evening Show
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Fajr: 3:43
Sunrise: 5:07
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Isha: 7:29

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Saudi riyal: 102.3/102.5
Lebanese pound: 70.5/71.2
Syrian pound: 57.1/57.8
Iraqi dinar: 644/653
Kuwaiti dinar: 1220.3/1223.6
Egyptian pound: 327.3/330.6
Qatari riyal: 96.3/96.6

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Onions (dry): 170
Green onions: 110
Spinach: 120
Cocum (piece): 330
Beans: 380
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Apples (Golden): 260
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Apples (Starkins): 260
Lemons: 240
Oranges (Shagout): 220
Oranges (Valencia): 170
Custard (white): 200
Carrot: 150
Turnip: 150
Beet: 120
Lettuce (a head): 100
Radish: 180
Sage: 300
Chard: 140
Parsley: 70
Cress: 120
Apples (American): 500

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ECONOMY

OPEC watchdog committee to meet in Vienna

ABU DHABI (R) — An OPEC watchdog committee to discuss oil company pressure for a price cut by Nigeria will meet on April 21 in Vienna, the official United Arab Emirates (UAE) News Agency reported Tuesday.

Market experts see revenue-starved Nigeria as the weakest link in efforts by OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) to defend prices in the current world glut.

The emirates agency said the date for OPEC talks was set after urgent consultations between the committee members, the oil ministers of the UAE, Algeria, Venezuela and Indonesia.

UAE Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteibi, current president of OPEC, said only Monday the meeting had been postponed until

early May.

Some companies have cut or threatened to cut purchases of oil from Nigeria, arguing that its price of \$35.50 a barrel is too high compared with similar North Sea oil at \$31. They have in turn been threatened with sanctions by OPEC, afraid that a Nigerian surrender could undermine all oil prices.

London oil market experts say that, while Nigeria is OPEC's weakest link, Saudi-led efforts to prevent a price plunge might also be undermined by Iran, hit hard by a buyer revolt and now selling

at depressed free market prices. Industry sources in Tokyo said

Tuesday that Japanese buyers have stopped taking Iranian oil on long-term contract because they doubt whether they can rely on supplies. But they said several Japanese trading houses were making spot deals to import two million barrels of Iranian heavy crude for delivery in April or May at about \$26 a barrel.

Saudi Arabia charges \$32.40 for a barrel of its similar heavy crude under pricing rules set by OPEC.

But OPEC sources say there is doubt whether Iran can get enough oil onto the market fast enough to be a serious threat. London market analysts noted that Iraq would probably need

more cash from Gulf states in the coming months, following the weekend's Syrian decision not to let it pump oil through a pipeline across Syria.

This is expected to cut already reduced Iraqi sales. Meanwhile, Iran may count on boosting its cut-price sales to make up for the volumes that its Iraqi enemy cannot sell.

In another article, Petroleum Intelligence Weekly suggested the strength of the dollar on foreign exchange markets might force an OPEC price cut.

It noted that OPEC aims to revive oil demand by letting inflation cheapen the cost of the barrel. This was to be achieved by freezing the current reference price of \$34 a barrel and allowing inflation to erode its real value.

Argentina bans EEC goods

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentina has banned imports from the European Economic Community (EEC) in retaliation for EEC sanctions against it over the Falklands (Malvinas) dispute, the official Telam news agency said.

It quoted Economy Minister Roberto Alemann as saying last night that licences for imports from the EEC would be halted for the time being.

The EEC said at the weekend that imports from Argentina would be stopped from Wednesday. It has also banned arms exports to Argentina.

Washington to oppose Poland's IMF entry

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States will oppose Poland's bid to join the International Monetary Fund (IMF) until there is a relaxation of the Polish military crackdown, monetary sources said Monday.

The sources declined to spell out the changes necessary in Poland before the United States would back the country's application to join the IMF, but said under current conditions the United States would argue against it.

The sources also said the United States would vote in favour of allowing Hungary to join the IMF and its sister agency, the World Bank.

The vote on Hungary's application for IMF membership now is before the fund's 145 member countries. They must make a decision before May.

Poland, economically and politically in disarray, sought IMF membership in order to become eli-

gible for the agency's financial assistance.

Poland's economic situation has been deteriorating for years and it has massive debts to Western banks and countries.

Last December's military crackdown brought an immediate outcry from the United States which later initiated economic sanctions against Poland.

The United States also imposed sanctions against the Soviet Union, charging Moscow with orchestrating the Warsaw government's crackdown.

The Soviet Union in the past has opposed Polish membership in the IMF because of the agency's pro-Western economic approach, but withdrew its opposition because of Poland's critical economic problems.

Before the Dec. 15 imposition of martial law the United States favoured bringing Poland under the fund's economic umbrella.

Mitterrand starts five-day Japan visit today

TOKYO (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand starts a five-day state visit to Japan Wednesday for talks expected to be dominated by trade and other economic issues ahead of June's summit meeting of leading industrial democracies in Versailles.

The visit, the first on an official basis by a French head of state to Japan, comes at a time when Japan's trade surplus with the European Economic Community (EEC) and the United States has severely strained relations between Tokyo and its Western trading partners.

Mr. Mitterrand has already said he hopes to avoid an open conflict over trade during the visit and create fresh political and industrial ties.

In an attempt to reduce the part played by trade issues in Mr. Mitterrand's talks with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, Japanese and French foreign ministry officials were meeting here Tuesday. Japanese foreign ministry sources said. They said the hastily arranged talks might result in Japan reducing import tariffs on French brandy and lead to freer imports of flour.

France said its trade deficit with Japan quadrupled to \$1.6 billion in the seven years ending in 1981, and talks last month on measures to redress the balance were inconclusive.

Mr. Mitterrand, who will host the Versailles summit meeting, and Mr. Suzuki will meet on Thursday to discuss not only trade, but also ways to help world economic recovery, advanced technology exchanges, the wealth imbalance between rich and poor nations and disarmament.

The talks will take place the day before a demonstration in Tokyo against French nuclear tests in the Pacific.

At the Versailles summit, Japan is expected to face a concerted call for early measures to reduce its trade surplus with West European countries and the United States to help head off the threat of fresh protectionism and a generalised trade war.

Mr. Mitterrand's visit is being made at a time when the Japanese government is working on fresh measures, to be announced next month, to open its markets to more foreign goods.

In the meantime, Japan has said it will send an official buying mission to France for 10 days from May 10.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said an announcement outlining planned scientific and technical cooperation between France and Japan will be made after Thursday's talks.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

One sterling	1.7610/20
One U.S. dollar	1.2290/93
	2.4160/70
	2.6785/8815
	1.9785/85
	45.56/59
	6.2890/2920
	1327.25/2920
	247.05/20
	5.9470/90
	6.1130/50
	8.2175/2200
Once ounce of gold	351.25/352.00

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Dutch guilders	
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Belgian francs	
French francs	
Italian lire	
Japanese yen	
Swedish crowns	
Norwegian crowns	
Danish crowns	
U.S. dollars	

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed lower on news diplomatic efforts to solve the Falklands crisis have been failed, dealers said: At 1400 GMT the F.T. index was down 9.4 to 550.9.

Government bonds were down about 1/4 point on balance after an irregular trend and losses among equity leaders ranged to 11p.

Thin conditions accentuated the fall in equities which ranged to 11p in BAT Industries while other leaders such as GEC, ICI, Thorn EMI, Plessey and Unilever declined between 4p and 6p.

Bank of Scotland ended 10p off at 414 after 1981 results and other banks fell up to 6p. Northern Engineers was a penny down at 86 1/2 after its full year figures.

Stores were depressed after press comment on the effects of recession. Channel Tunnel ended 42p off at 88 also after adverse press comment, dealers said.

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SPORTS

Brazil's manager names 13 players for World Cup squad

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Brazil manager Tele Santana named 13 members of his 22-player World Soccer Cup squad Tuesday.

The other nine, who will come from the four clubs still involved in the national championship which ends next week, should include captain Socrates and the gifted Zico.

The list contains few surprises and includes regular internationals Valdir Peres, Oscar, Luizinho and Toninho Cerezo, plus Renato, Eder and Sao Paulo's temperamental Serginho.

Missing are Roberto, last year's leading scorer and idol of Rio de Janeiro's Vasco da Gama, and Leao, Brazil's goalkeeper in the 1974 and 1978 World Cups. Santana preferred Sao Paulo's

Valdir Peres, backed by Paulo Sergio of Botafogo and Carlos of Ponte Preta in goal, while striker Roberto had a dreadful match against Czechoslovakia last month.

Former internationals Mario Sergio of Sao Paulo and Reinaldo of Atletico Mineiro are also absent.

The squad—Goalkeepers: Valdir Peres, Paulo Sergio, Carlos. Defenders: Edevaldo, Edinho, Oscar, Juninho, Luizinho, Pedrinho. Midfield: Toninho Cerezo, Renato. Forwards: Serginho, Eder.

The remaining places will go to players from Corinthians, Flamengo, Guarani and Gremio, who play their semifinal second leg

championship matches on Wednesday and Thursday.

Socrates of Corinthians and Gremio striker Paulo Isidoro are near certainties while Careca of Guarani, who earned his first cap against West Germany last month is another likely prospect.

Santana may also leave a space for Falcao, who is with Roma of Italy.

Brazil, among the favourites for the finals, plan warm-up games against Portugal in Sao Luis on May 5 and Switzerland in Recife on May 18.

The squad leaves for Spain via Portugal on May 31, arriving in Seville on June 4, 10 days before their opening Group Six match against the Soviet Union. Their other group rivals are Scotland and New Zealand.

Vilas closes up on Connors in Grand Prix standings

LONDON (R) — Argentina's Guillermo Vilas pulled closer to leader Jimmy Connors in the Grand Prix tennis standings by winning the Monte Carlo Open on Sunday.

Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl moved up to third place after finishing runner up to Vilas.

Grand Prix standings (after 19 tournaments):

1. Jimmy Connors (U.S.) 1030
2. Guillermo Vilas (Argentina) 975
3. Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia) 835
4. John McEnroe (U.S.) 525
5. Johan Kriek (South Africa) 460
6. Yannick Noah (France) 434
7. Vitas Gerulaitis (U.S.) 420
8. Chip Hooper (U.S.) 390
9. John Sadri (U.S.) 360
10. Peter McNamara (Australia) 315

IOC head welcomes Olympic Congress held outside Europe

TOKYO (A.P.) — International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch said Tuesday he would welcome a non-European site for the holding of the next Olympic Congress.

Samaranch spoke to reporters at the end of his seven-nation Asian tour. During his four-day visit to Japan, he had an audience with Emperor Hirohito and met Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Education Minister Heiji Ogawa and Japanese sports officials.

Asked about reports that he sounded out Japan on the pos-

sibility of hosting the next Olympic Congress in 1990, he said the IOC would be "very happy if the Olympic Congress were held in continents other than Europe."

The past 11 congress meetings have been in Europe, including the one in Baden-Baden, Germany, last September.

The congress is held every nine years to discuss the Olympic movement among members of the IOC, National Olympic Congress and International Sports Federation (ISF).

Referring to a report that the Olympic committee wants the United Nations General Assembly to adopt a resolution separating the Olympics from the impact of political events, Samaranch said, IOC will discuss the

matter in Rome in May and possibly ask the U.N. to debate it this fall.

He said such a declaration would be "mainly moral support, but we think it can be useful for future Olympics."

Asked about the increasing financial burden on nations hosting the Olympics, Samaranch said the number of Olympic participants should be limited to not more than 10,000 athletes. More than 9,000 participated in the 1972 Munich Olympics, 7,000 in the 1976 Montreal Olympics and 6,000 in the 1980 Moscow Olympics, he said.

Samaranch said he hopes to visit Denmark, East Germany and Hungary before the IOC meeting in Rome in May.

Borg still undecided on Wimbledon

LONDON (A.P.) — Bjorn Borg said Tuesday he will decide in two weeks' time whether to qualify for the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

Meanwhile the committee of the all-England Club called a committee meeting for this Thursday to decide whether to enforce the rule and make Borg go through the qualifying tournament because he refuses to play in ten Grand Prix events during the year.

Borg was passing through London on his way to play in Tokyo. "I will make a final decision in two weeks' time whether to qualify for Wimbledon," the Swedish star said at Heathrow Airport.

"It's a decision only I can take. Nothing is going to influence me, only myself. At the moment I don't have a clue what my decision will be."

Borg, who was decisively defeated by Yannick Noah of France in last week's Grand Prix event at Monte Carlo, denied he is getting bored with tennis.

"I am still as eager as ever and I want to do well in all the major tournaments this year," Borg said. "There is no way I am going to give up."

"My tennis is still as good as ever. I did not do very well in Monte Carlo simply because it was my first tournament in such a long time."

Borg's Romanian wife Mariana, who was in hospital for a spell last year, said she was 100 per cent fit.

Hard-fought split decision gives Japanese Tomori WBC title

TOKYO (A.P.) — Challenger Toshiaki Tomori scored a hard-fought split decision over World Boxing Council champion Amado Urzua of Mexico to win the WBC junior light-flyweight championship.

American judge Dick Cole favoured the 22-year-old Japanese challenger Tomori 145-142 and Japanese judge Masakazu Uchida also gave the fight to Tomori, while Mexican judge Guillermo Ayon called it a draw.

The outcome of the fight in the WBC's lightest class was undecided until the end, with the two fighters throwing left and right punches at each other in a fierce match after three cautious opening rounds.

There were no knockdowns.

Tomori, weighing in at 48.9 kgs, the weight limit, was the aggressor throughout most of the fight. He looked speedy and impressive in the fourth, seventh and 11th rounds.

At Tokyo's Korakuen Boxing ring.

Urzua, 25, making his first defence of the WBC crown he won from Hilarco Zapata of Panama with a second round knockout on Feb. 6, scored with stinging blows in the eighth and 10th rounds. But he seemed unable to catch up with pressing Japanese challenger.

WBC's ninth ranked contender.

Backed by a partisan crowd of 2,000, Tomori, who hails from Okinawa in southern Japan, kept boring in with fast left uppercuts and right straights which occasionally pierced the champion's defence. Urzua countered with one-two punches but missed their target. That was apparently the difference as the two boxers went after each other from the fourth round to the final gong.

Both fighters went after each other in the last three rounds. The Mexican champion repeatedly

threw fast but wild combination punches that failed to connect while Tomori countered with his own. Urzua, who seemed to be on the defensive in the earlier rounds changed his strategy from the 10th round with aggressive moves. But Tomori managed to check his attack with short counter punches.

After the fight, Urzua told Japanese reporters: "I thought it was at least a draw. Tomori is a courageous and good fighter. However, his punches weren't tough."

Tomori, the new WBC junior flyweight champion, said "I'm happy I won but at first I couldn't believe it."

It was third boxing championship the Japanese won within 10 days.

Unbeaten in World Cup series, Soviets play Argentina in warmup match

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentine attention will be diverted briefly from the preparations for a possible war with Britain over the Falkland Islands when their football team play the Soviet Union Wednesday in a warmup match for the World Cup finals.

The Soviet team, who have reached the finals for the first time since 1970, arrived in Buenos Aires Monday and Soviet coach Konstantin Beskov said Argentina would enjoy a natural advantage, being the reigning world champions on home ground.

He declined to compare his team with Argentina's but pointed out that the Soviet Union remained unbeaten in the current World Cup series.

His 16-man squad included almost every player likely to ap-

pear in the finals in Spain in June, Beskov said.

Argentine coach Cesar Luis Menotti has refrained from comment on Wednesday's match, but the Argentine lineup shows three major changes from the side which drew 1-1 with West Germany on March 24.

Goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol returns after missing the West German game due to illness and midfielder Osvaldo Ardiles and striker Jorge Valdano, both of whom

play for foreign teams, are rejoining the national side.

Ardiles plays for the London team Tottenham Hotspur and Valdano for the Spanish side Zaragoza. Both returned home recently after missing the Argentine squad's intensive training period during February and March.

Probable Argentine team: Fillol, Olguin, Galvan, Passarella, Tarantini, Ardiles, Gallego, Maradona, Valdano, Ramon Diaz Kempes. Referee: Romualdo Arpi Filho (Brazil).

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Mystery of missing 'Thai Silk King' remains unsolved even after 15 years

By Kenneth L. Whiting
The Associated Press

CAMERON HIGHLANDS, Malaysia — The fate of a flamboyant American known as the "Silk King of Thailand" remains as much a mystery today as it was the day he vanished 15 years ago.

Jim Thompson, who had introduced Thai silk to the world, disappeared from this mountain resort on March 26, Easter Sunday, 1967, while on a holiday with friends. He was declared legally dead in 1974.

The disappearance of the erstwhile intelligence operative, antique collector and businessman attracted international attention.

Theories about what happened range from the sinister to the bizarre: Some said he was kidnapped by business rivals or political foes. Others suggested he defected to China or went off on a secret mission. Still others said he might have been carried away by Aborigines.

The incident inspired at least several books, T.V. documentaries and countless newspaper articles.

Even before his disappearance, two days before his 61st birthday, Mr. Thompson's life had the makings of legend.

After graduating from Princeton in 1928, he worked as an architect in New York before entering the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the World War II forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). According to published accounts, he parachuted into the jungles of

Thailand during the Japanese occupation, reaching Bangkok just after the surrender in August 1945.

He went into business in Thailand after the war, first helping to revive Bangkok's famed Oriental Hotel and later organizing the Thai Silk Company.

Mr. Thompson taught weavers to produce brightly patterned silks under strict standards, for foreign buyers. He filled his unique home on the banks of a Bangkok canal with ancient stone statues, Chinese porcelain and a priceless sixth-century Buddha. It remains one of the city's chief tourist attractions.

The last persons known to have seen Mr. Thompson alive were his hosts, Dr. and Mrs. T.G. Ling of Singapore, and another house guest. They told police that they assumed he left "Moonlight Cottage" for a stroll.

The tourist association warns visitors not to walk alone in the jungles, which is full of steep ravines, tigers and hill tribesmen, some of whom carry poison darts.

Aboriginal guides, Malaysian troops and U.S. army helicopters then based in Thailand searched for 10 days without turning up any trace of Mr. Thompson. Unofficial search parties combed the area for months.

Local witch doctors, called *bomohs*, and foreign clairvoyants and mystics were consulted. The Thai Silk Company offered a \$10,000 reward, which it later increased to \$25,000, for information leading to Mr. Thompson's whereabouts.

Some who know the terrain say Mr. Thompson could have been killed in a fall and his body hidden in the thick undergrowth. Others suggested he was devoured by a tiger.

Unconfirmed reports of strange cars with Thai license plates in the area that day sparked rumors that the Silk King was kidnapped for ransom or for political or business reasons.

Mr. Thompson was described as being in good spirits on the day he vanished, a somewhat absent-minded man in reasonable health except for gallstones. He carried a small container of pills he carried for gallstone attacks his "jungle box". It was left behind along with his cigarettes and lighter.

The Lings returned to Moonlight Cottage this Easter as puzzled as ever about the mystery.

"It was his third visit to our cottage," Mrs. Ling said in a recent interview in Singapore. "He knew

the jungle and he would never have gone without his jungle box. This business of his being lost in the jungle is nonsense. Even if a tiger got him, there would have been remains, such as a watch or shoes."

Other experts agreed. Richard Noone, British veteran of the area, who spent a decade tracking down Communist terrorists during the 1948-1960 Malayan emergency, went into the jungle and spent several days talking with Aborigines about Mr. Thompson. "I am fully convinced that Mr. Thompson is not lost in the jungle," Mr. Noone said.

Five months after Mr. Thompson dropped from sight, his sister, Katherine Wood, was found beaten to death in her West Chester, Pennsylvania, home in the United States. The case was never solved but investigators said it was not connected with her missing brother.

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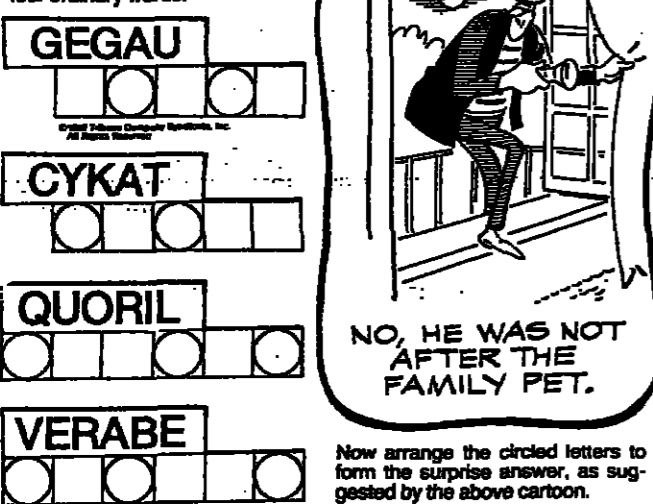
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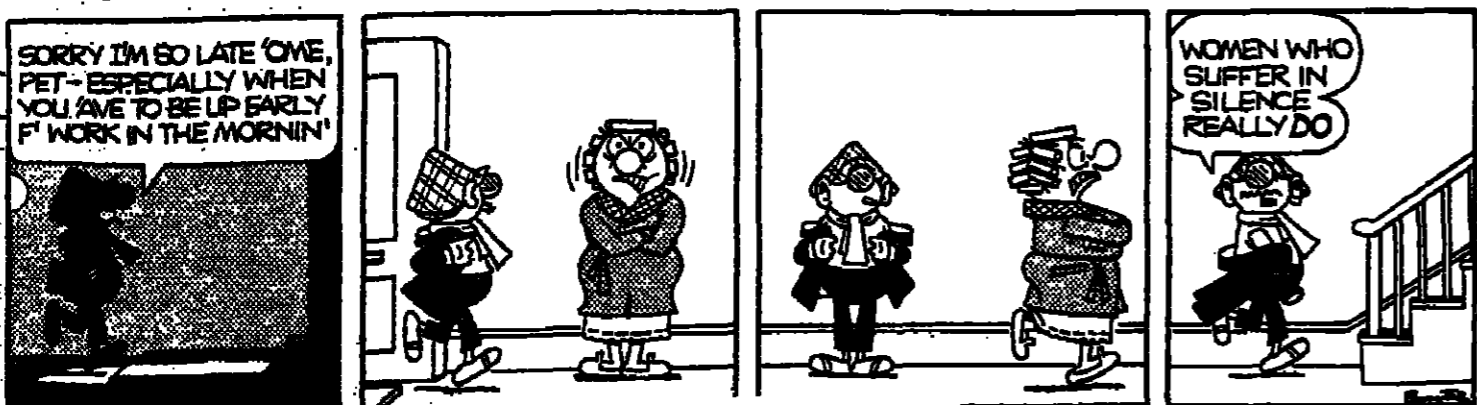
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GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the day brings some delays or obstacles in the path of your goals, so make sure you are working at the right pace and with the correct information.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Being patient at your work brings fine results now. Use more care in handling routines. Show that you have wisdom.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You may not get the financial results you want in the morning but later they materialize, so be calm.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You arise feeling frustrated, but by knowing the reason for this, you soon get back on the beam and accomplish much.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) If you try to relax you can soon relieve pressure that seems intolerable. Avoid a troublemaker.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Try to help others now who need assistance and later they lend you a helping hand. Avoid temptation to spend too much money.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Know what is expected of you by higher-ups and gain their respect. Don't take any risks when dealing with outsiders.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have good ideas that should be carried through later in the day for best results. Make this a worthwhile day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Get an early start to handle important business matters so you can engage in social activities later in the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Wait until the afternoon before dealing with a difficult associate for best results. Plan for the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Good day to take on difficult work that becomes easier for you now. Take treatments to improve your appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have a heavy work load, so get an early start and you can plow right through it easily. Relax at home tonight.

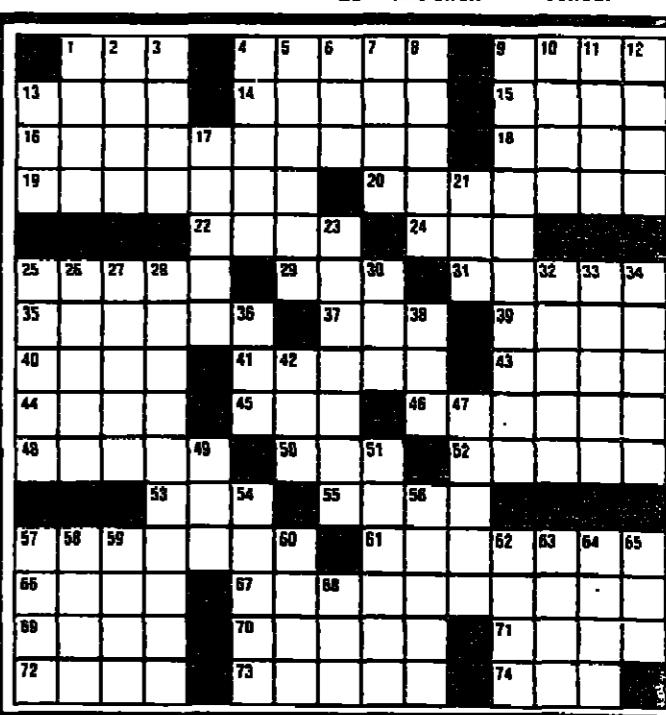
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Wishes of some family members may not meet with your approval, but come to a happy compromise. Be logical.

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THE Daily Crossword By Nancy McCarthy

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Argentine fleet 'ready to sail' for war Haig reports difficulties on solution for Falklands

LONDON (R) — American Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Tuesday the Falkland Islands crisis was becoming increasingly dangerous and he diverted his peace shuttle to Washington to report to President Reagan.

Mr. Haig, striving to prevent the crisis flaring into hostilities between Britain and Argentina, said some new ideas had been put up to the two sides to try to settle their dispute over the island colony seized by Argentine forces 11 days ago.

But he declined to give any details before flying out from London's Heathrow Airport after lengthy talks with British government leaders.

He told reporters he would make another trip to Buenos Aires to talk to Argentina's military leadership after reporting to

President Reagan. Meanwhile in Buenos Aires, the head of Argentina's navy has declared his fleet ready to sail "at a moment's notice" as British warships drew closer to the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands to reinforce a blockade.

Argentine government sources said the junta rejected a proposal by Mr. Haig under which Argentina, Britain and the United States would take control of the islands pending talks to determine their future.

Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez turned down the idea in a telephone conversation with Mr. Haig Monday, they said.

Tension mounted in Buenos Aires as Argentina's stand in the negotiations became known.

The daily newspaper Clarin declared: "The fleet has been put on

maximum alert." President Leopoldo Galtieri met Argentina's military chiefs Tuesday morning but there was no indication of what they had discussed.

Argentina has demanded that Britain turn back its naval task force heading for the Falklands to enforce a British-declared 200-mile "war zone."

Britain imposed a blockade on the islands Monday saying it would fire on Argentine warships but no clashes have been reported.

Virtually all the Argentine fleet is reported to be in mainland ports but the navy chief said it was ready to sail when the government gave the order.

Military experts have said Argentina would be outgunned in any naval battle but the Argentines are conceded to have air superiority and a logistical advantage.

Argentina's neighbour Bolivia also announced it was ready to offer the support of its small air force and was moving several military aircraft and fuel to the border.

Argentine aircraft have continued to supply the Falklands with troops and military equipment. The garrison is estimated to be 9,000 strong.

Gen. Mario Benjamin Menendez, who has taken over as military governor of the Falklands, said his troops were well prepared. "We have come here to stay and that is the way it will be," Gen. Menendez said. He described the morale of his men as very high.

Britain has said Argentina must pull out its troops before negotiations can begin about the future of the islands.

Salvadorean right, centre agree to form government

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Centrist and right-wing parties in El Salvador have agreed to form a government of national unity, a leftist leader said.

Roberto D'Aubuisson, leader of the National Republican Alliance (Arena), told reporters Monday night a basic accord was reached in negotiations following last month's elections for a constituent assembly in El Salvador.

The elections were called with the backing of the United States as a step towards ending the violence which has claimed more than 30,000 lives in the past two years.

The Christian Democrats of President Jose Napoleon Duarte

won most votes in the poll but Arena and smaller parties, whose leaders are in exile, and denounced as a farce by the guerrillas fighting the present civilian-military regime.

Mr. D'Aubuisson, dismissed from the army for ultra-right activities, gave no details of the shape of the new government but confirmed the Christian Democrats would be included.

Their inclusion was "a defence or concession of the (right-wing) majority," he said.

China accuses U.S., Soviets of abusing human rights policy

PEKING (R) — China Tuesday accused both Washington and Moscow of using human rights as a tool in seeking hegemony, a term it has until recently reserved for what it regards as Soviet expansionism.

The Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said the United States "proclaims that human rights is the soul of its foreign policy and the criterion on which it bases its relations with other countries, criticising the Soviet Union for encroaching on human rights in East European countries."

But it also accused the U.S. of "lacking a positive attitude" in other respects, saying it "supports South African racism and Israeli

expansionism." The paper said in a signed article that "for the Soviet Union and the United States, human rights have become a tool to attack each other and struggle for hegemony."

It also criticised other Western countries for "using their traditional standards of human rights to oppose the demands by the peoples of the Third World for the right to self-determination and development."

China frequently uses the term "hegemonism" to attack Soviet policies, and in recent months has also used it occasionally to refer to the United States, which is planning further arms sales to Taiwan, regarded by Peking as part of China.

Antenna failure threatens Insat-1

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (A.P.) — A \$142 million weather and communications satellite launched last week for India may be worthless because of a failure in an antenna, officials said.

The satellite, Insat-1, blasted off from the air force station here Saturday. The next day technicians discovered problems in deploying the 1.2-metre C-band antenna aboard the satellite when radio signals failed to raise it.

"We don't know how much of it was deployed but radio signals provide an indication it's partly out," said Don Flamm, a spokesman for Ford Aerospace Corp., the Palo Alto, California, firm that manufactured the satellite for the Indian government.

On Monday, Ford Aerospace representatives met to figure out how to release the antenna. Mr. Flamm said the company studied several options, including the firing of small rockets on the spacecraft to jar the antenna loose. If that doesn't work, he said, engineers may tilt the satellite toward the sun, hoping that intense heat will release it.

"We feel fairly confident it will deploy," Mr. Flamm said.

An official at the Indian consulate in New York said the lack of a working C-band antenna "would impair our capabilities." The satellite is part of a rural weather warning system that represents the largest single commercial investment in Indian history.

Clandestine radio urges Poles to fight martial law

WARSAW (R) — The sudden appearance of a clandestine radio station broadcasting in the name of the suspended Solidarity trade union has encouraged Poles opposed to martial law, declared four months ago Tuesday.

Monday night's broadcast was heard by tens of thousands of Poles in Warsaw, who had been alerted by leaflets left in public places and by the underground information network.

The announcers, a man and a woman, renewed appeals from Solidarity activists to mark the 13th of each month with peaceful gestures of opposition to December's military takeover.

Poles were told to turn their lights off this evening for 15 minutes from nine p.m. and place candles in windows as a gesture of support for those interned after the takeover.

"We must fight for the release

of those imprisoned, for the restoration of human dignity. Our radio has taken up this struggle. All honest Poles should do the same," the radio said.

Dance troupe defects

Meanwhile, eleven members of a Polish dance troupe have defected in Canada, the federal immigration department announced Monday.

They defected last Friday after Mazowsze, their troupe of 115 dancers, singers and musicians, gave the last of four performances in Hamilton. It was the group's only Canadian stop on a worldwide tour.

They said they left behind many relatives and friends in their homes of Lodz, but said they had discussed the possibility of defecting with their families before the tour began.

Police tighten security after attack near court Moro murder trial opens today

ROME (R) — Heavily-armed police were on guard Tuesday after a Red Brigades guerrilla attack near the fortified courtroom where the alleged killers of former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro go on trial Wednesday.

Three policemen were wounded Monday night in a hand grenade and submachine-gun attack, a defiant gesture by the leftist urban guerrillas on behalf of more than 50 alleged members of their "Rome Column" facing charges of murder, subversion and other offences.

Twenty-three of them are charged in connection with the kidnapping and murder in 1978 of Mr. Moro, a five-time prime minister who led the Christian Democrats towards a policy of government sharing with the powerful Italian Communist Party.

It is just over four years since a commando group murdered Mr. Moro's five bodyguards and seized him in a Rome street on the day Italy's first Christian Democratic government to operate with Communist backing was sworn in.

Mr. Moro was the architect of that accord, which later collapsed under a welter of political intrigues that still haunt the case, and few commentators here believe truth will emerge in court.

Mr. Moro's widow, Eleonora, is one of the sceptics. She is still bitter when recalling the 55 days in which her husband pleaded for his life with his own party.

His body, crumpled from the impact of 11 bullets, was dumped symbolically in a street near both the Christian Democratic and Communist headquarters after the politicians united in refusal to deal with the guerrillas.

"The night before the attack Aldo told me 'certainly, today I have a hundred more enemies'," Mrs. Moro told investigating magistrates.

"Who was really behind the people who did such things?" she asked, voicing her suspicion that a conspiracy against Mr. Moro's political strategy led to his death. Prosecutors, however, believe they have the perpetrators of a crime that stunned Italy and brought the late Pope Paul VI "on his knees" to plead for the life of his devout Catholic friend.

The prosecution hopes to convict alleged Red Brigades leader Mario Moretti of masterminding the operation. But its case rests heavily on conflicting evidence from two convicted guerrillas who turned informers in exchange for light sentences.

One of them is Antonio Savasta, seized when security forces

scored a major coup against the Red Brigades last January by freeing kidnapped U.S. Brig-Gen. James Dozier and arresting his captors.

The other is Patrizio Peci, one of the earliest "pentiti," or reformed guerrillas. The Brigades retaliated against his evidence at a trial in Turin by kidnapping and murdering his younger brother, Roberto.

The two have named the abductors and murderers, but inconsistencies in their accounts are sure to be probed by defence lawyers in court.

It was only with the capture of Mr. Savasta that police finally gained what they believe was a complete picture of the Moro affair.

He has named a young couple on trial as the two who held Mr. Moro in a suburban Rome apartment and finally killed him with a burst of fire from a Czechoslovak-made Skorpio machine pistol.

The authorities hope that the trial will bring the drawn-out case to an end and show that the state is winning its war against terror by orthodox judicial means.

The complexity of the charges and the number of defendants makes it likely that the process might drag on for a year.

Air-India hijack special court adjourns

VICTORIA, Seychelles (R) — A special court session to hear evidence in the trial in South Africa of 43 mercenaries accused of hijacking an Air-India plane was adjourned in confusion after only 20 minutes Tuesday.

Judge Rank Wood said he had received no formal request from Natal State, where the trial is being held, to convene the session and said he would not do so until he had received one by letter, telex or telegram from the state authorities.

The session is supposed to hear evidence from the crew of the Air-India plane, which the prosecution in South Africa alleges was commandeered from the Seychelles to Durban by mercenaries fleeing after an abortive invasion attempt here.

The Indian government would not allow the crew to testify in South Africa because New Delhi has no diplomatic relations with South Africa.

But it did agree to let the crew testify in the Seychelles, where seven foreigners held since the invasion attempt last November will go on trial in June accused of treason, the only offence punishable by death under Seychelles law.

Judge Wood told the court that all requests for the Seychelles to convene the special session had been informal. He adjourned the hearing until Wednesday.

He said he would be satisfied with a letter, telex or telegram

addressed either to him personally or to the Seychelles supreme court from the registrar of the Pietermaritzburg court or the judge presiding over the trial.

Michael Hannon, a South African lawyer who is defending 33 of the accused in the Pietermaritzburg trial, said he did not think a telex was sufficient.

Mr. Hannon will also defend six of the seven foreigners in the treason trial here, which is due to open on June 16.

The trial was due to start Tuesday but was postponed Monday, when the seven — four South Africans, two white Zimbabweans and one Briton — made a remand appearance and were sent back to jail for 14 days.

Togo grants asylum to fugitive ex-Bangui premier

LOME, Togo (A.P.) — Ange Patasse, a former Central African premier accused of plotting to overthrow the current government, arrived in Togo on Tuesday and was granted political asylum, Togolese officials said.

Mr. Patasse took refuge at the French embassy in Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic, on March 5 following a failed coup against the government of Gen. Andre Kolingba.

The French refused to release him to Central African officials and negotiated the arrangement which allowed him to fly to Togo. Details of the negotiations were not known.

Officials here said Mr. Patasse arrived in Lome aboard a French military plane accompanied by three other men also implicated in the coup attempt. They too were granted political asylum.

The party also was accompanied by the French ambassador to the Central African Republic, the

Togolese ambassador to Paris and a Central African police official.

Officials said Mr. Patasse, premier under former Central African dictator Jean-Bedel Bokassa, was granted asylum at the request of both the French and Central African governments. He is to reside in Togo, located on the Gulf of Guinea more than 140 kilometres from the Central African Republic, officials said.

Mr. Patasse, leader of the Central African People's Liberation Movement (MLPC), and two generals were accused of organising a plot to overthrow the Kolingba-led military junta on the night of March 3-4.

Government troops raided MLPC headquarters and arrested dozens of the group's members before the alleged takeover began, and Mr. Patasse sought refuge at the French embassy.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

French rebel group yields gun used in Israeli mission attack in Paris

PARIS (R) — A submachine-gun used to attack an Israeli embassy annex two weeks ago has been seized by French police during a raid on a suspected extreme left-wing hideout, informed sources said Tuesday. The sources said ballistics tests proved the submachine-gun seized on Friday night was used to raze the Israeli military purchasing mission with bullets on March 31. None was injured. Police said the gun was found in a suspected hideout of the "Action Directe" guerrilla group in eastern Paris. Two people were arrested and a large stock of other weapons seized, they said.

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U.S. Air Force plane crashes, kills 28 in Turkey

ANKARA (R) — A United States Air Force C-130 transport plane crashed in Eastern Turkey Tuesday, killing all 28 people believed to be aboard, U.S. officials said. There were thought to have been 28 passengers, all from the U.S. Air Force, in the plane, they said. The aircraft was on a routine flight from Erzurum, near the Soviet border, to a U.S. Air Force base at Incirlik, on the Mediterranean, when it smashed into a mountain near Kizildag.

Kuwait mediates Syria-Iraq conflict

KUWAIT (R) — The emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, sent a senior aide to Damascus Tuesday in an attempt to defuse tension between Syria and Iraq over the Gulf war, officials said. They said that Abdul Rahman Al Atiqi was carrying a personal message to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad as part of Arab efforts to solve the Syrian Iraqi crisis. Syria, which supports Iran in the war with Iraq, closed its border with Iraq and stopped the flow of Iraqi crude oil through its territory to Mediterranean terminals last week.

Jaloud arrives in Damascus

DAMASCUS (R) — A senior Libyan official arrived Tuesday for a short visit and talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam. Maj. Abdul-Salam Jaloud, the second in command of Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi told reporters his dismissal would be part of the continuing consultations between Syria and Libya.

Rival militias clash in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Shooting broke out in West Beirut early Tuesday between two rival factions, the Shi'ite Muslim organisation Amal and the Communists, but there were no immediate reports of casualties, security sources said. A south Lebanese, the killing of local Amal leader on Tuesday raised tension in the Adoun area between the ports of Sidon and Tyre, the sources said.

Benjedid to arrive in Delhi April 22

NEW DELHI (A.P.) — President Chandli Benjedid of Algeria will arrive here April 22 on a five-day state visit to India, the government announced Tuesday. Mr. Benjedid is expected to seek Indian economic assistance during talks with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Tunisian premier to visit U.S.

WASHINGTON (R) — Prime Minister Mohammed Mzali of Tunisia will meet President Reagan on an official visit to the United States later this month, a White House announcement Monday. Mr. Mzali will visit Washington from April 26 to 30 at the invitation of the president, according to a White House statement.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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Both vulnerable. East deals.
NORTH
♦ KQ
♦ A10543
♦ AQJ4
♦ 42

WEST EAST
♦ 10862 ♦ A J7
♦ KQ7 ♦ 982
♦ 105 ♦ 88732
♦ K763 ♦ 105

SOUTH
♦ 9543
♦ J6
♦ K6
♦ AQJ98

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 1♥
Pass 2♣ Pass 2♦
Pass 2NT Pass 3NT
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Two of ♠.

Do you think that you defend as well as you play the cards? In that case, cover the West and South hands and decide how you would go about defending three no trump after your partner leads the two of spades. You are playing duplicate, so overtricks are important.

One thing you can tell from the auction and what you can see is that South ventured in to no trump on a sketchy spade stopper, so he can't have much in his partner's suits. Your five low diamonds suggest that declarer has four tricks in that suit, and you can see a heart and a spade trick as well. Declarer

must surely be able to develop either hearts or clubs for the three extra tricks he needs for his contract. The only major source of tricks for the defense is the spade suit, and you will have to unblock the jack of spades to free that suit for partner.

If you went up with the ace of spades at trick one and returned the jack, you are on the right track—but your defense is not good enough. Declarer wins the second spade in dummy and loses a club finesse. Your partner can cash one spade trick, but then the defense is through and declarer sails home with ten tricks.

You have overlooked the possibility that partner might have a tenace position in spades, and to run the suit you will have to unblock the jack while retaining your entry so that you can lead through declarer later. See what happens if you play the jack of spades at trick one!

Now when declarer loses the club finesse, West can lead a spade to your ace. You return the suit, and the defense nets three spade tricks and a club for an excellent score.

What if South held four spades headed by the 10-9? It's unlikely, for partner shouldn't lead the two from four to the eight. But even so, the defenders can recover. After winning the king of clubs West must shift to a heart, and the defenders get all the tricks to which they are entitled.

By Sidney Weiland
Reuter

LONDON — By seizing the Falkland Islands, Argentina has strengthened its political presence on the fringes of the vast, disputed frozen lands of Antarctica.

Seven countries, invoking discovery and other rights, lay claim to territory in the six million square miles (15.5 million square kilometres) of the potentially rich Southern Polar continent.

For Britain, the Falklands were an important staging post in 40 years of Antarctic scientific exploration.

The Argentine move against the British-ruled islands has raised speculation whether the Buenos Aires government may now begin pressing harder on its claim to Antarctic land.

If it does so, it will be in conflict not only with Britain but also with neighbouring Chile. All three countries have overlapping claims and major research commitments.

Argentina claims almost all of the 600,000 square miles (1.5 million square kilometres) in the British Antarctic territory proclaimed 20 years ago, and calls it Argentine Antarctica.

Chile claims 480,000 square miles (1.2 million square kilometres), about half of it within the area claimed by Argentina. Most national claims are wedge-shaped, fanning out from the South Pole. Australia claims one of the largest areas, 2.5 million square miles (6.5 million square kilometres).

Since the signing of the Antarctic Treaty 22 years ago by 12 nations involved in the area, the

rival claims have lain dormant in the broader interests of scientific cooperation.

As a result of the treaty, the uninhabited Antarctic has become a model for international cooperation, with the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain and countries as politically diverse as West Germany and Poland all peacefully engaged in exploration.

The treaty, due for possible review in 1991, recognised that the untapped regions of the Antarctic should continue forever to be used "exclusively for peaceful purposes

and shall not become the scene or object of international discord."

The treasures of Antarctica — one-tenth of the Earth's surface — have fired man's imagination since British navigator James Cook reached the edge of the ice pack in the 18th century.

Norwegian, British, Russian, American and French discoverers ranged over the continent in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Some of the greatest modern explorers — Britain's Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton, America's Richard Evelyn Byrd,

and Roald Amundsen of Norway trekked across the ice.

Since the Antarctic Treaty provided for free access anywhere in Antarctica for peaceful purposes, scientists from some 20 nations have roamed extensively over the continent.

Operating from about 100 base camps, their studies involve biological research of land and sea, geological probes and atmospheric and geophysical investigations.

Despite rival territorial claims, there has been no friction. Scientists often exchange visits, and U.S. and Soviet camps cooperated even in the hardest times of the East-West cold war.

In recent years, interest has focussed on the belief that the Antarctic conceals huge resources of oil, natural gas, ores, uranium and even gold, diamonds and platinum.

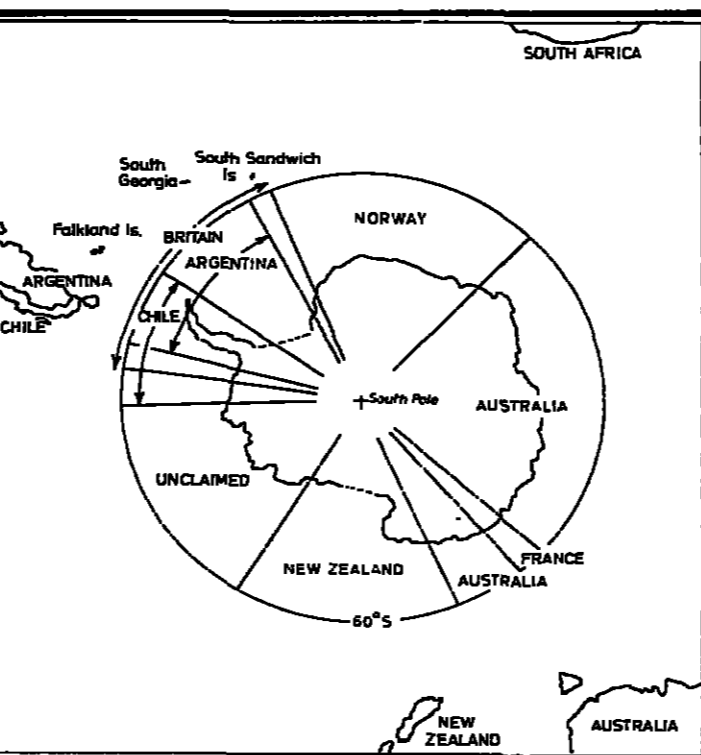
Geologists believe Antarctica may have been part of a super-continent and that it holds mineral deposits similar to those found in South Africa, South America and Australia.

Even more exciting is the prospect of a limitless supply of protein from krill, a shrimp-like crustacean.

The total annual Antarctic catch so far is about 200,000 tonnes — mainly by the Soviet Union and Japan — but the potential has been estimated as high as 150 million tonnes.

There is so much that a West German expedition once netted 35 tonnes in eight minutes.

Apart from Argentina, Australia, Britain and Chile, Antarctic territory is claimed also by France,



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